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Inventor : Tatsuo Takanashi et al.

Title : LENS BARREL

Assignee : Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.

The present application is a continuation or divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior Application Serial No. 10/351,676, filed January 23, 2003, now allowed, which is a division of Application Serial No. 10/141,209, filed May 7, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,556,362, issued April 29, 2003, which is a division of Application Serial No. 09/872,043, filed June 1, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,411,448, issued June 25, 2002, which is a division of Application Serial No. 09/469,763, filed December 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,262,853, issued July 17, 2001 by Tatsuo TAKANASHI and Mitsuhiro SATO entitled "LENS BARREL".

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Print EFS Data Sheet

102 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims

25 Numbered Claims Calculated as 25 Claims for Fee Purposes

26 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1A to 40. (Formal)

Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under

37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 Form.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Application Nos. H10-370487, filed December 25, 1998; H10-370488, filed December 25, 1998; H11-009324, filed January 18, 1999; H11-012179, filed January 20, 1999; and H11-012180, filed January 20, 1999, is claimed. The certified copies of the priority applications have been filed in said prior application Serial No.09/469,763, filed December 22, 1999.

The prior application was assigned to Olympus Optical Co., Ltd. and was recorded on December 22, 1999 at Reel 010483, Frame 0570.

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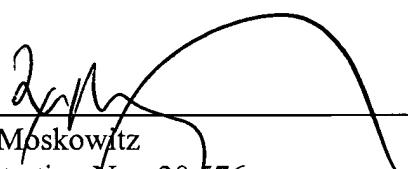
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